James T. Jacks Acting United States Attorney Northern District of Texas

CONTACT: KATHY COLVIN

PHONE: (214) 659-8600

FAX: (214) 767-2898

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE MONDAY, MAY 11, 2009 WWW.USDOJ.GOV/USAO/TXN

FLOWER MOUND MAN WHO TRIED TO BUY NINE-YEAR-OLD GIRL FOR SEX, SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON, WITHOUT PAROLE

DALLAS — Kevin Moake, 50, of Flower Mound, Texas, was sentenced this morning by U.S. District Judge David C. Godbey to 10 years in federal prison, the statutory maximum, following his guilty plea in January to one count of possession of child pornography, announced James T. Jacks, acting U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas. Judge Godbey also ordered that Moake register as a sex offender and serve a lifetime of supervised release following his release from prison. Moake, who has been on bond, was remanded to the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service at the conclusion of the sentencing hearing.

According to documents filed in court and public documents, Moake admitted that on May 30, 2007, he drove to a Burger King restaurant, on Mockingbird Lane near Love Field in Dallas, to meet an undercover officer in an attempt to buy a nine-year-old girl for sex. Public documents reveal that Moake gave the undercover officer \$100 to spend the night with the nonexistent child, the cash representing a down payment in a "rent-to-own" plan. Moake was arrested on the spot and is presently facing charges in Dallas County related to this sting operation. Moake's federal sentence will run concurrent to any state sentence he receives.

At the time he was arrested, Moake had a laptop in his vehicle which contained more than 600 images of child pornography. Moake admitted that those images included sadistic images, including bondage, as well as images depicting sexual intercourse between adult males and prepubescent females.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov

The case was investigated by the Dallas Police Department, the FBI, and the Dallas County District Attorney's Office. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Aisha Saleem.